Import Requirements for All Seed Potatoes Imported from the United States

Schedule A of New Brunswick Regulation 82-70 of the *Potato Disease Eradication Act* stipulates the following requirements for all seed potatoes imported from the United States of America to be planted in the province of New Brunswick, whether intended for recertification purposes or commercial plantings.

- Seed lots must be accompanied by documentation indicating that the lot has passed testing for bacterial ring rot (BRR) and potato spindle tuber (PSTVd)
- Seed lots must have been certified by a recognized certification agency of a state based on requirements that are substantively equivalent to those established under the Seeds Act.
- Seed lots must be of a class determined by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to be equivalent to the class Foundation or higher
- Seed lots must be accompanied by an import permit issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Seed lots must be accompanied by the results of a post-harvest test demonstrating that the levels of PVY are below the maximum acceptable level determined by the Minister
- Seed lots must have been produced by a farm unit with no history of BRR or PSTVd for at least 4 consecutive years immediately before the year of production

Producers will be required to submit documentation along with their Potato Acreage Registration to verify that the above requirements have been met.

For further information or clarification, please contact the Potato Development Centre at (506) 392-5199 or toll free at 1-866-778-3762.

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